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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9995

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FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: SINAI FIELD MISSION STATUS REPORT AS OF COB 1 FEB

1. RCM-SFM 5-04

A. FACILITIES: TEMPORARY MESS HALL AND BARRACKS COMPLETED. QYG BLDG BEGUN; DECK INSTALLED AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED 2 FEB. GIDDI EAST TEMPORARY BLDG COMPLETED 31 JAN. ESTIMATE FOR COMPLETION OF ADMINISTRATION BLDG AND QUARTERS FOR WOMEN IS 4 FEB. ANTICIPATE INITIAL SITE PREPARATION FOR MITLA EAST AND WEST WATCH STATIONS TO BEGIN 3 AND 5 FEB RESPECTIVELY. SIZE OF TEMPORARY FACILITIES AT MITLA EAST AND WEST REDUCED TO 12 X 24 FT. AND GIDDI EAST REDUCED TO 12 X 16 FT. PEARCY AND HOOD PREPARING TENTATIVE WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE TO BE COMPLETED 2 FEB. TENTATIVE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE INITIAL ITEMS AS FOLLOWS: USG OFFICE SPACE AND DIRECTOR'S QUARTERS; GIDDI EAST STATION; MITLA MITLA EAST STATION; MITLA WEST STATION; ADDITIONAL BARRACKS BLDG NO. 5. QUALITY AND USEFULNESS OF KELLY KLOSURES ACCEPTABLE BUT LESS THAN ANTICIPATED. SHOULD SERVE PURPOSE FOR TEMPORARY OPERATION, BUT CALLOWAY HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT SALVAGE ABILITY FOR REUSE OR RESALE. SINCE UN CHECKPOINT BRAVO IS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY, RECOMMEND LEAVING ONE OR MORE FOR THEIR USE UPON RELOCATION OF SFM TO PERMANENT SITE.

B. COMMUNICATIONS: VOICE COMMUNICATIONS WITH SFM OFFICER AT EMBASSY TEL AVIV ACHIEVED 1700 1 FEB.

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REGULAR TRANSMISSION SCHEDULED FOR 0900 AND

1630 HOURS DAILY. LINK WITH CAIRO STILL NEGATIVE.
LINK ESTABLISHED BETWEEN BASE CAMP AND UNEF ISMAILIA
WITH 46 DB MARGIN. UNEF WILL MONITOR CONTINUOUSLY
WITH REDUCED VOLUME BUT HAVE ESTABLISHED SCHEDULED
CHECKS FOR 0800, 1300 AND 1600 HOURS DAILY. APPARENTLY
VHF COMMUNICATIONS PLAN PROPOSED WILL WORK SUCCESSFULLY
TO ALL SITES. STRENGTH AND AVAILABILITY TO ALL SITES
EXCEPT MITLAEAST HAS BEEN EXCELLENT, AND BELIEVE

PROPER PLACEMENT TOWER AT MITLA EAST WILL PROVIDE
SUFFICIENT SIGNAL TO VOICE RATION. COMMO TECHNICIANS
AND EQUIPMENT ARRIVED 31 JAN AND 1 FEB. ACCOMPANYING
TECHNICIANS AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT
READINESS TESTS ON 2 FEB. CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS TO
DEPART FOR BASE SITE 0800 3 FEB.

C. WATCH STATIONS: SEE ABOVE

D. SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS: NEGATIVE REPORT.

E. FISCAL: NEGATIVE.

F. PERSONNEL: TEN ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL
DEPARTED TEL AVIV FOR SITE 1 FEB AND 14 MORE ARRIVED
TEL AVIV TO DEPART FOR SITE 2 FEB.

G. MISCELLANEOUS: 747 CARGO FLIGHT NO. 5 ARRIVED
0300 2 FEB AND SCHEDULED TO DEPART APPROXIMATELY
1100 HOURS LOCAL TIME 2 FEB FOR SITE.
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